

LA TOURAINE AFIRE AT SEA— SHIPS SENT TO RESCUE

London.—French liner La Touraine is on fire 700 miles west of the French port of Brest. Steamers Rotterdam, Swanmore, Cornishman and Arabic are rushing to her assistance.

La Touraine sailed from New York Feb. 26. On her passenger list are five American doctors and ten American nurses, bound for French battlefields.

New York.—Origin of the fire has not yet been ascertained. Company's offices here claim to be uninformed, but scouted a report which was apparently circulated without any tangible basis, that there had been an explosion of some sort on the vessel.

Practically all first cabin passengers of La Touraine are residents of Montreal, according to New York offices of Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. General agent of French company, Paul Fauguet, is aboard.

In addition to American nurses whose names were carried in London cable dispatches, Miss Alina Marie McCormick and Florence Gordon were members of the American hospital unit that sailed on La Touraine.

Forty-six steerage passengers were nearly all French and Belgian reservists. Most of these gave Montreal as their residence. A few were recruited in New York, New Orleans and Chicago.

La Touraine carried a crew of about 200. The liner carried 4,594 cases of cartridges in her hold when she left New York. The ship's manifest on file at the custom house here brought to light this information today.

In shipping circles the fear was expressed that if flames reached the hold in which the cartridges are stored a bad explosion will result.

Captain Caussin and the crew of La Touraine were heroes of the disaster that overtook the Uranium liner Volturno, when she burned at sea with the loss of 132 lives sixteen months ago.

La Touraine steamed to assistance of burning Volturno. Capt. Caussin, despite a heavy sea, got a boat over and took off 42 of the Volturno's passengers, reaching New York with them on Oct. 28, 1913. Captain and members of crew given medals for bravery.

CARSON, PIRIE, SCOTT & CO. HIT BY \$29,000 JUDGMENT

Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., had a \$29,000 judgment slapped on them in Judge Pomeroy's court today because their alleged unfair business methods drove a prosperous firm out of existence.

Geo. Passey & Co., were doing very well in the merchandise business in Provo, Utah, until Dec., 1909. A few months before, they bought a large bill of goods from Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., of Chicago. For some reason they did not pay right away.

The State st. store hurried their representatives to Provo and asked that Passey & Co. be adjudged bankrupt. On Dec. 7th, the store was placed in the hands of a receiver although apparently solvent.

For twenty days the firm remained under the receiver's care until Dec. 27th, when the case came up for a hearing and they were discharged without hesitation. But when Passey & Co. tried to do business in Provo, they found that the reputation they had built was gone and the store finally went out of existence.

Att'y M. H. Guerin, of Guerin & Barret, filed suit against Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., for \$50,000 in the Superior Court of Cook County.

A verdict returned today gave Passey & Co., a \$29,000 judgment against John Kelley, Sam Pirie, John T. Pirie, Jr., John W. Scott, Rob't L. Scott and Andrew McLeish, members of the firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.

Chicago "coke" victims may enter state institutions for treatment, says Gov. Dunne.